

BROWNING POND (Oakham / Spencer)

General Information:

Located in Oakham and Spencer, this 89-acre great pond may be reached off of Browning Pond Road. Although the water is dark colored, a moderately high transparency of 10 feet is usual. A public boat ramp is located on Boy Scout property on Browning Pond Road. This is a gravel ramp, and the parking area is limited to about five cars. Shore access is limited to Browning Pond Road frontage.

Aquatic vegetation and fallen trees provide cover and are scattered along the shoreline and in the northern cove.

Fish Populations:

A 1979 fish sampling effort indicated a fish population composed of largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow and white perch, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, red breasted sunfish, black crappie, brown bullheads, rainbow and brook trout, white suckers, golden shiners, chub suckers and darters.

Fishing:

Browning Pond is managed for both warm water and cold water fish. It is stocked with trout in both the spring and fall. Because it is somewhat acidic, brook trout are usually stocked in early spring, while rainbow and brown trout are generally stocked in mid to late spring and fall. A limited amount of cold water habitat persists through the summer and trout can be expected in the deeper areas during the summer months.

An excellent largemouth bass population is present and many large bass were taken during the 1979 survey. Best fishing should be along the northern and eastern shores, as weed growth is most abundant in these areas.

Panfish are abundant and provide good fishing. Yellow perch and bullheads are of good size.